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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 7674 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 05, 1977

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, SY

SUBJ: FAHMY'S COMMENT ABOUT ALLEGED CIA PAYMENT
TO RIFA'AT AL-ASAD

1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, HE CLAIMED TO HAVE GOTTEN
A REPORT FROM UNSPECIFIED SOURCES THAT USG, ACTING THROUGH
CIA, HAD PAID SYRIAN PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, RIFA'AT AL-ASAD,
ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN RETURN FOR FACILITATING PERMISSION
FOR SYRIAN JEWISH GIRLS TO LEAVE SYRIA. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT
THE WASHINGTON POST HAD BEEN ABOUT TO PUBLISH THIS INFO,
BUT THAT USG HAD PRESSED IT NOT TO DO SO. WAS THE STORY

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TRUE?

2. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NEVER HEARD ANY SUCH STORY AND
SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN BY SUCH WILD REPORTS.
FAHMY THEN DISMISSED THE MATTER AS "NOT IMPORTANT".

3. SUGGEST DEPT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO DAMASCUS FOR INFO.

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